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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - DISCRIMINATION AT ROME AIRPORTS

REF : ROME 10074; STATE 135919

1. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM THAT ALITALIA IS NOW PAYING
USER CHARGES AT ROME? DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION WOULD
APPRECIATE AS SOLID AND DETAILED INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE,
SUCH AS DATE OF FIRST BILLING AND PAYMENT. HAS GOI
FORMALLY INFORMED EMBASSY OF NEW SITUATION? (DEPT
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DEPTH TO OUR MAY NOTE AS WAS REQUESTED.)

2. IS ANYTHING VISIBLE HAPPENING IN CASE BEFORE LAZIO TRIBUNAL? CAN TIMING OF A RULING BE PREDICTED?

3. SAR GROUND HANDLING MONOPOLY CONTINUES TO BE MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO DOT AND U.S. AIRLINES, AND IN ABSENCE REPLY TO OUR NOTE DEPT STILL HAS NO FORMAL STATEMENT FROM ITALIANS ON LEGAL SITUATION. REQUEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT ELICIT NOTE CONFIRMING ITALIAN STATEMENTS IN MAY TALKS, I.E., THAT IF U.S. AIRLINES ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY SAR THEY ARE LEGALLY FREE TO MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. IF THAT APPEARS UNLIKELY WITHIN ACCEPTABLE TIMEFRAME, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD ALLOW U.S. AIRLINES TO CHANGE THEIR ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOME PROTECTION AGAINST LEGAL ACTION, E.G., A LETTER FROM AN APPROPRIATE ITALIAN OFFICIAL.

4. PAN AM HAS INFORMED DOT THAT HANDLING CHARGES INCREASED 20 PERCENT AS OF AUGUST 25, FOR A TOTAL OF 43 PERCENT IN THE PAST YEAR. WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION. ARE AIRLINES PAYING? INFORMATION ON SAR'S COSTS FOR PROVISION OF GROUND HANDLING SERVICES, IF AVAILABLE, WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IN DETERMINING REASONABLENESS OF CHARGES.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO PRESS FOR REPLY ON CHARTER USE OF FIUMICINO. ROBINSON

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